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"AN ACT CONCERNING THEFT OF UTILITY SERVICE."

- 1 In line 1, before "Subdivision", insert "Section 1."
- 2 After line 55, insert the following:
- 3 "Sec. 2. Section 16-247s of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 4 following is substituted in lieu thereof:
- 5 (a) Each certified telecommunications provider, as defined in section
- 6 16-1, that provides local exchange service to customers in the state
- 7 shall provide without charge to the telephone company serving more
- 8 than one hundred thousand customers for directory assistance
- 9 purposes all listings for its Connecticut customers other than those
- 10 listings that are nonpublished. Said telephone company, or its agent or
- 11 affiliate as applicable, shall, in accordance with the terms and
- 12 conditions set forth in the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, as
- 13 from time to time amended, and any applicable order or regulation
- 14 adopted by the Federal Communications Commission thereunder,

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15 including the availability and timing of updates and applicable rates, 16 compile all such listings and all listings for its own Connecticut 17 customers other than those that are nonpublished in a directory 18 assistance database and make all such listings contained in said 19 database available in electronic format to directory assistance 20 providers. If a customer requests a customer listing from a certified 21 telecommunications provider that does not provide directory 22 assistance, said provider shall connect the customer at no charge with 23 an entity that provides directory assistance to the customer. Each such 24 certified telecommunications provider shall indemnify said telephone 25 company for any damages caused by that certified telecommunications 26 provider's negligence in misidentifying a nonpublished customer.

- (b) A telephone company or a certified telecommunications provider that provides local exchange service to customers in the state shall not charge a customer more than a one-time charge for a nonpublished or unlisted number. Said one-time charge shall be reasonable, as determined by the Department of Public Utility Control.
- Sec. 3. Section 16-256f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:
- Each telephone company and each certified telecommunications provider may make blocking service available to its customers and may charge the customer for providing such service, provided the charge for an interexchange blocking service for outgoing calls shall be a one-time charge that is reasonable, as determined by the Department of Public Utility Control."

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